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Coordination Team
Ad Hoc Planning Work Group
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To develop the first version of the Coordination Team's Systems Level Plan, an Ad Hoc Planning Work Group has been established consisting of a representative from each of the seven Coordination Team (CT) members, The CT Chair, and the four subcommittee chairs. In addition to these members, Richard Ribb, Director of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, will participate in the Planning Work Group. The Work Group thus will consist of the following individuals:

RI DEM:	Sue Kiernan
CRMC:	Jeff Willis
Planning:	Jared Rhodes
EDC:	Michael Walker
WRB:	Kathleen Crawley
NBC:	Thomas Uva
RC:	Sharon Pavignano or Ted Callendar
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Env MC:	Peter August
PAC:	Chip Young
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CT:	Ames Colt

The ad hoc planning group will:

- Develop strategic priorities based upon previous strategic planning efforts such as the NB Partnership, strategic priority setting on the part of the agencies as ongoing, and priorities which may emerge from the work of the Collaboratives and the NBEP status and trends assessment.
- Develop specific recommendations for plan implementation and evaluation

- Specify a process for developing annual CT workplans and budgets based upon the plan.
- Establish a CT planning work plan and budget for FY 2009 by December 2007 to continue to develop and refine initial systems-leveling planning efforts.

Engagement with other stakeholders will take place via the four subcommittees and the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program.

The two monitoring collaboratives will continue to pursue development and implementation of their respective monitoring initiatives underway since the beginning of FY 2007.

I recommend that the Science Advisory Committee be asked to partner with the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program on their status and trends assessment.

The Public Advisory Committee can be engaged to provide outreach support to the planning effort and feedback on draft plan elements

The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program is planning to convene a “public and professional forum” in the first half of 2008 to review the status and trends report draft. That forum would provide the CT the opportunity to present initial drafts of its planning work for external stakeholder review.

The ad hoc planning group will need to establish a process for developing and refining plan elements over time, particularly in relation to other strategic planning efforts that the CT member agencies may be engaged in internally or with key partners.